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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S TRAVEL PLANS

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1. SIAD ARRIVED MOGADISCIO FEBRUARY 25 FROM ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN LAHORE. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT HE MAY SOON UNDERTAKE FURTHER FOREIGN TRAVEL BUT NOTHING DEFINITE AND IT WOULD SEEM LOGICAL THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO LEAVE COUNTRY AGAIN RIGHT AWAY. WE UNDERSTAND SIAD IS PLANNING EXTENDED TRIP TO SOUTH IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE BUT DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS WILL BE DURING MARCH 5-10 PERIOD OR LATER. AGAIN, ONE MIGHT LOGICALLY CONCLUDE THAT HE WOULD PREFER SPEND SOME TIME IN MOGADISCIO BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANOTHER EXTENDED COUNTRY TOUR. WE HAVE NO PRECISE INFORMATION AS GSDR KEEPS VERY CLOSE CONTROL OVER ADVANCE NOTICE OF SIAD'S MOVEMENTS FOR SECURITY REASONS.

2. ADDOU MARCH 5 ARRIVAL WOULD IMPROVE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL FREDERICKS AND BECKMAN VISIT BUT HE COULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD EVEN IF HE ARRIVES MARCH 10. FEEL ADDOU'S TIMING SHOULD BE DETERMINED PRIMARILY BY HIS OWN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHEN HE MOST LIKELY TO FIND SIAD IN TOWN.

3. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH PROTOCOL ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY PARTY FOR VISITING CHASE OFFICIALS.

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